



## News Release

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### ***Idaho Native Appointed to Head Idaho's Growing Fisheries Service Branch Offices***

David Mabe, administrator of Idaho's water quality programs at the Department of Environmental Quality and an experienced hand with the state's natural resource industries and the legislature, has been named to head the National Marine Fisheries Service's Idaho branch.

Mabe, an Idaho native, will join the 30 employees in the Boise, Grangeville and Salmon offices to protect and recover salmon and steelhead in Idaho.

"David has worked with the Idaho state legislature and diverse groups of stakeholders to solve tough natural resource problems in Idaho and the Northwest for over 20 years," said Bob Lohn, head of the agency's Northwest regional office in Seattle. "He's proven himself to be a skilled manager and a problem solver."

Lohn added that Mabe's appointment reinforces the fisheries service's commitment to working with local conservation and constituent groups to protect and recover steelhead, chinook and sockeye.

"He clearly understands the obligation we have to foster local ties and local cooperation," Lohn said.

Lohn said that based on recent successes in the upper Salmon River basin, he was looking forward to more aggressive use of the agency's conservation planning efforts with the Idaho office of species conservation and with landowners and land managers in the state.

Mabe will begin his new position in late November.

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